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## **Baker-Polito Administration Nominates Tejal R. Mehta to Concord District Court**

**BOSTON** – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Tejal Mehta to the position of Associate Justice of the Concord District Court.

“Attorney Mehta brings broad knowledge and experience to the District Court as both a prosecutor and defense attorney who has practiced civil as well as criminal law,” **said Governor Baker**. “I am pleased to submit her name for the Governor’s Council’s advice and consent, and believe she will be a great asset to the Massachusetts judiciary.”

“Throughout her career, Attorney Mehta has demonstrated a strong commitment to fairness and equality,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “If confirmed by the Governor’s Council, I am confident she will serve the court and all that come before it with wisdom and justice.”

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties, all misdemeanors and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, please [visit their homepage](#).

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

**About Tejal R. Mehta**

Attorney Mehta is currently a solo legal practitioner at her own firm, Mehta Law Offices in Woburn, practicing criminal defense litigation. Previously, she served for eleven years as an Assistant District Attorney for the Middlesex District Attorney's office. Attorney Mehta began her career as a law clerk at the Suffolk Superior Court in Boston and then as an associate at Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland practicing civil litigation and criminal defense. Attorney Mehta is a founding board member of the South Asian Bar Association and currently serves as a board member for the Board of Bar Overseers. Attorney Mehta is involved in her community as a troop leader for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, and is a former Executive Board member for the Bedford Montessori School. Ms. Mehta graduated from Notre Dame University and earned her J.D. from Boston University School of Law. She currently resides in Concord with her family.

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